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STRONG INFANTRY BODIES
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LONDON, Feb. 3.—The London newspapers this morning express the conviction that the Germans are planning a new offensive on a large scale against the left wing of the Allies. It is expected that they will attempt to blast a way to Calais and Dunkirk by the use of strong bodies of infantry, supported by enormous masses of artillery.

The following British official statement has been issued regarding the operations on the western front:

"One of our patrols last night, after shooting hostile sentries threw hand grenades into hostile trenches established at the northern end of Frise."

"At about 11:30 this morning the men attempted a surprise attack against our trenches near Ypres on the Pilsen road. The attack was not preceded by any artillery bombardment and was easily repulsed by our fire."

The testimony of a resident of a sea coast village in Norfolk in Monday's Zeppelin raid is given as follows in the Manchester Guardian:

"About 5 o'clock in the evening I heard a noise in the sky above my cottage and saw a Zeppelin coming down rather slowly at a steep angle. It then righted itself and cruised about as if taking its bearings. It was of a grayish brown color. All the people of the village came out to see the airship, which after a circular movement along the coast, dropped bombs near some farm village in a field and then made off. It was over our neighborhood altogether for about three-quarters of an hour and seemed unable to find its course. A witness who saw a Zeppelin over London in the last raid, says that the present one seemed to be twice as large."

ARRESTED

Is H. H. Broadwater, Well Known Cattle Man, on a Bad Check Charge.

H. H. Broadwater, well known in this and adjoining counties, having for several years dealt in cattle and real estate, has been arrested at Parkersburg at the instance of J. J. Triska, of the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, of Pittsburg.

The charge against Broadwater is obtaining money by false pretenses. It is alleged that Broadwater made out a check payable to V. S. Lynch, the amount being \$125, the check being drawn on the West Virginia Bank of Clarksburg. The officer states that the money was secured on the check by Lynch at a bank in Spencer and when the check was forwarded to the bank on which it was drawn, word as returned that the maker of the check had no funds on deposit there. The Pinkerton agency was notified ten days ago and Mr. Triska had been on the case ever since, finally locating his man.

HALL RECOVERS.

Virgie Hall, one of the Roberts Hardware Company's right-hand men, has recovered from a surgical operation and is back in the harness again, fighting business battles as of yore.

COSTLY BLAZE.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Feb. 3.—Fire caused \$150,000 damage in the business section of Phillipsburg, Pa., early today. Among the buildings burned was that of the Mohannon National Bank.

BUTTER RECORDS BY COUNTY COWS

Bring Them into Prominence with the Central Cow Testing Association.

The Central West Virginia Cow Testing Association under the supervision of Edward Cartwright has completed its second month's work. Eleven plied its record bid fair to make the cows on record bid fair to make the most creditable records for the year, coming within the amounts required for the advanced registry and register of merit for the different breeds, particularly the Jersey Cattle Club, which requires 360 pounds of fat for mature cows over five years of age.

Special mention is made of Lily Taylor, a cow owned by P. S. Sturm, of Clarksburg, which produced 1224 pounds of milk, or more than her own weight, in one month.

Rosey, owned by L. R. Sturm, of Enterprise, also deserves special mention. She produced 71.4 fat or 84

WAR TAKES TOLL OF CARRANZA'S AID



New Picture of General Obregon.

General Obregon, one of General Carranza's right hand men, recently lost an arm in battle. Next to Villa and Carranza, Obregon probably played a bigger part than anyone else in driving Huerta into exile.

SPARE THE ROD AND SPOIL THE CHILD IS DR. MORRISON'S THEME

SNOW STORM

In the Pacific Northwest is Almost Unprecedented in That Section of the Country.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 3.—The Pacific Northwest again today faced the task of battling with an unprecedented snow storm which has paralyzed rail communication, disorganized city life, held residents in outlying sections snowbound and caused thousands of dollars damage to buildings which were not strong enough to withstand the weight of more than two and a half feet of snow on their roofs. With continued cold weather and more snow in prospect the outlook is not promising today for early resumption of normal conditions. All the northern trans-continental trains are tied up in the mountains.

In Seattle and other cities street car lines are completely blocked by snow. Schools are closed and business is practically suspended. The greatest single loss from the storm occurred in Seattle where the dome of St. James' Catholic cathedral collapsed under the weight of snow, causing damage to the edifice of \$75,000.

HOLD CONFERENCE.

To confer with executive officers of the company relative to extensions and other improvements to be made in Clarksburg during the coming season, Superintendent W. J. Flaherty and Engineer Dudley D. Britt, of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company, have been in Fairmont. They were in conference with Vice President Smith Hood and General Manager E. Blaine Moore.

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The music feature of the work is well worth remembering and the special numbers added by Prof. Hlatt are well received.

Stirring Sermon Dealing with Obedience to Laws of Home and Teaching Children.

TALK IS A PRACTICAL ONE
Interest Increases from Day to Day in Great Revival and Many Come Forward.

One of the most practical as well as intensely interesting sermons imaginable was delivered last night in the First Methodist Episcopal church by Dr. Morrison. The text was taken from Romans, vi. 23, "The Wages of Sin is Death." However, the great evangelist, Dr. Morrison, gave it a commonplace and every day application for the body of his sermon, closing with the religious phase which he had by certain and sure degrees worked up to. The chief theme was "obedience," and the home was taken as the basis upon which to build the mighty argument which followed.

Dr. Morrison gave some strikingly apt illustrations of the manner in which many persons permit their children to fall into bad and dangerous habits through neglect of proper training. Particularly is this true in the matter of instant obedience. He developed the thought that too many young people are philosophers and premature reasoners, demanding to know "why" instead of simply doing their parents' bidding. It was further shown that multitude of parents are sorely at fault in permitting their children to question the right to control.

Dr. Morrison certainly displayed wonderful tact in handling this subject, knowing full well that there are parents who are over sensitive and easily offended, while there are many others perhaps who feel a conscious sense of guilt or at least a knowledge that they are in a measure practicing the very thing against which the evangelist was thundering his philippics.

But a wave of contagious humor running down and engulfing every corner brought the audience quickly to the closest sympathy and had it not been for the fact that the sacredness of the situation commanded otherwise, it was evident repeated applause would have followed. In short, it was the ablest sermon of its kind that has been heard in this section in many months.

In working up the connection between obedience to the earthly parents and obedience to God, Dr. Morrison said "by far the greatest means of grace is the hickory limb and the mourner's bench." From that thought he quickly showed the great need of obedience to the ever present laws of Jehovah and the bowing to divine will, the sermon was so unique and wonderful in its plan and execution that those who heard it marveled as they listened, asking seemingly, "How can one come into such close harmony with the Creator as to talk of His mysteries and wonders with such perfect knowledge?" It was marvelous indeed.

The meeting is one of great results, numbers coming forward nightly and confessing Christ as a personal Saviour. The penitents have been a multitude and the conversions many. The noonday luncheon given by the

PRIZE VESSEL ANCHORS OFF VIRGINIA CITY

Where It Discharges Passengers Who Are Given Liberty to Land in Country.

NEWPORT NEWS, Feb. 3.—With its German prize commander on the bridge, the British liner Appam moved up from Old Point early today and anchored off this port to discharge the 245 persons on board given liberty to land in the United States. The ship's legal status still is undetermined. Lieutenant Berg, the German officer, moved his craft only on orders through Collector Hamilton.

"We are treating it as an English ship which has put into an American port flying the German naval ensign," is Mr. Hamilton's explanation of the present attitude of the United States.

Some of those who were passengers on the Appam when it was captured by the German raider, variously described as the Pander or the Moewe, prepared to land in Newport News, but most of them will be transferred with crews of other captured British vessels to Norfolk, there to board a steamer to New York on their way to England.

Sir Edward Merewether and other British colonial officers with large quantities of baggage have arranged to place their property in customs bonds here and proceed directly to New York to take the first available ship for home.

Lieutenant Berg still maintains his determination to permit no one on board the liner except those who have official business. Though studiously polite, he extends no undue courtesies even to American officials and insists upon recognition of his absolute authority over the ship and its company. He is holding more than 200 people aboard including his own prize crew of twenty-two men, some twenty Germans, who were prisoners of war on the Appam, Captain Harrison and the entire crew of 155 of the Appam and twelve of its passengers, whom he claims belong to the British army or navy.

Until the Washington government passes upon the German contention all these persons will remain on the liner.

Prince von Hatzfeldt, counselor of the German embassy at Washington, and Captain Gaunt, the British naval attaché, reached here from Old Point Comfort soon after the ship anchored. The prince is urging his claim that the Appam is a fair prize of war entitled under an old Prussian-American treaty to remain in an American port as long as a prize crew desires.

Captain Gaunt, assisted by the British vice consul, is managing the removal of English subjects and awaiting the outcome of his embassy's demands that all those held on the liner be released.

There were fifteen women, including Lady Merewether and a number of children aboard.

It was shortly after 9 o'clock this morning when the Appam got up anchor and steamed away from Old Point Comfort, where it had been lying under the guns of Fort Monroe since Tuesday. It passed several British merchantmen as it neared Point Breeze, famous as the point marking the scene of the Merrimack and Monitor fight.

Loud cheers were exchanged by the crews of the freighters and the Englishmen on the Appam. The freighter saluted with three resounding blasts of their whistles.

Lieutenant Berg on the bridge made no response.

Rounding Point Breeze he turned into James river and in a few minutes let go anchor near the great shipbuilding plant and almost within stone's throw of the German trader Arcadia and the Austrian, Budapest, which have been laid up here since the war began.

Immigration Officer Williams boarded the vessel to pass upon the persons desiring to land. He was accompanied by British Vice Consul Kenworthy, prepared to guarantee transportation and subsistence for all British subjects, whose financial troubles might otherwise prevent them from landing.

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BIGGEST NAVY IN WORLD IS WANTED BY MR. WILSON

BEAUTIFUL AUSTRO-POLISH ARISTOCRAT WINS PEOPLE'S LOVE BY HER WAR WORK



Countess Wanda Lubenska.

Countess Wanda Lubenska, an Austro-Polish aristocrat of high social position and wealth, is patroness of the Society of War Invalids. She has made herself very popular with the people by her energetic work for the war sufferers.

Dearth of Candidates For All City Offices

Impression is That Most Aspirants Will Wait until the Eleventh Hour.

With only two days left in which to formally enter the race for city offices, there was today a dearth of candidates for all offices, with the exception of councilman from the First ward, for which post three men, two Republicans and one Democrat, have declared themselves. John Flaherty, the Democratic candidate from that ward, is the only member of his party to yet enter the race for any city office.

According to the provisions of the ordinance regulating the city primary, recently passed by the city council, all aspirants must notify the city clerk of their intentions before 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, February 5.

The general impression prevails that most of the would-be candidates are planning to wait until the last minute to announce themselves, meantime looking the situation over, endeavoring to learn just how strong they are.

Although he has not as yet made announcement of his candidacy, rumor persists that J. T. Swager, city councilman from the Third ward, will enter the race for the Republican nomination for mayor. Mr. Swager's friends, it is said, have been looking the situation over for sometime. Mayor G. H. Gordon has already announced his candidacy for reelection. There may be a dark horse or two on the Republican side for mayor.

Among the Democrats, a strong sentiment in favor of Edgar F. Hood for the Democratic nomination for mayor is said to be crystallizing. Mr. Hood, however, has not yet announced himself, and is said to be in a receptive mood.

Chief of Police Harry L. Brooks remains the only avowed candidate for chief of police. There is much speculation as to whether he will have opposition at the primaries. In Democratic circles, it is said that Kenneth Sappington, who was the Democratic candidate for chief of police in 1915, would enter the race for the nomination at the hands of his party.

For superintendent of streets only one candidate has so far announced himself. He is Edward J. Doyle, street superintendent for many years, who seeks the Republican nomination for this office.

W. Clarence Noon has entered the race for the Republican nomination for city assessor.

Although a number of persons have been mentioned as prospective candidates for the city clerk's job, only one man has so far formally entered the race. He is Edward W. Laubenstein.

present street commissioner, who seeks the Republican nomination for city clerk.

The First ward is the only place so far where two members of the same party are fighting for a nomination. Peter F. Dargen and Michael J. Crowley have entered the race for the Republican nomination for councilman from that ward. John Flaherty, present councilman from the ward, has announced his candidacy for reelection, and seeks the Democratic nomination for the position.

Dr. W. B. Conway, present member of city council from the Fifth ward, will be a candidate for reelection, and has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the position.

There seems to be an impression in political circles and elsewhere that there will be at least two candidates of each party for the nomination for every municipal office. Persons who hold this view expect the city clerk's office to be swamped with a deluge of announcements at the eleventh hour.

MOCK TRIAL.

A mock trial will be held tonight in the colored Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, to which the public is invited. Lunch will be served at a small price.

NEW RECORD IS MADE IN SHIPPING PEACHES

According to Reports Made by Traffic Department of the Baltimore and Ohio.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 3.—Transporting the peach crop of Maryland and West Virginia produced \$133,371.25 for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad last year, according to reports made by the traffic department.

A new record of 1,590 carloads of peaches handled last year was made as against 1,168 from the same territory the previous year, which indicates the development of fruit growing in the eastern sections near many of the country's larger markets.

From Romney, 609 carloads of peaches originated, 203 carloads having been shipped from Keyser, 149 carloads from Springfield, ninety-seven carloads from Patterson's Creek and ninety-seven carloads from Cherry Run. Fifty carloads each were shipped from Sleepy Creek and French creek.

New York City took 402 carloads of these peaches; while 159 carloads went to Pittsburg, 85 carloads to Cin-

And His Audience of 15,000 Persons is Swayed with a Tumult of Cheering.

TALKS WAR ONCE MORE

Declares That Acts of One Submarine Commander Might Set the World Afire.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 3.—President Wilson today told an audience of 15,000, which swayed with a tumult of cheering, that the United States should have the greatest navy in the world.

"I believe the navy of the United States should be unconquerable," he said. "The greatest in the world."

The president declared that submarine commanders abroad have instructions which for most part conform with international law, but that the acts of one commander might set the world afire, including America.

"Upon the oceans there are hundreds of cargoes of American goods," he said. "Cotton, grain and all the bountiful supplies America is sending out to the world—and any one of those cargoes, any one of those ships may be the point of contact that may bring America into the war."

LOCAL

Club is Represented in National Chess Tournament by Two Players.

The Clarksburg Masonic Club is represented in the annual tournament of the National Correspondence Chess Association, which opened Thursday, in the persons of H. H. Cooper and Dr. Sidney H. Post.

Noted chess players belonging to the association are divided into six different sections throughout the country. Each section plays out a series of games and the winner contests with the winners of the other sections for the national championship. All the moves are conducted by mail and the tournament runs 150 days. The Clarksburg players are included in the sixth section.

Chess is one of the favorite games at the Masonic club rooms and several very good players have developed in addition to those who brought expert knowledge into the club. Any member who does not know how to play is instructed by one of the experts free of charge.

YOUNG TURKS

Are Charged with the Responsibility for Murder of the Crown Prince.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—"Yussuf Izidin, whatever may be said, was assassinated by his suite by order of the committee of union and progress," said Aheriff Pasha, who, with Prince Edin, directs the principal movement of the Turkish opposition, to a reporter of the Matin.

"Latterly Yussuf had voted against the dictatorship of the young Turks. He became dangerous and he has been removed. His successor and cousin, Yahid Edin, is even more hostile to the young Turks than was Yussuf. I should not like to make predictions regarding the length of his life," said Aheriff Pasha, in conclusion.

STEAMSHIP SUNK.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The British steamship Belle of France, has been sunk. The Europeans in its crew and twenty-two lascars were landed. Nineteen lascars are missing.

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